

E-Scarab Class Notes

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1950's

Otis Doss '59MD was honored by Shore Memorial Hospital for his almost 40 years of general surgery service. "Doss has dedicated his time, energy, and considerable interest to the well-being of Eastern Shore residents." Now retired, Doss has time for family celebrations and sporting events.

1960's

***Harrison Hawley '69MD** is Emeritus Professor for the Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University. He is also serving as President of the Infectious Diseases Society of Ohio.

***JoAnne Spauls Smith '66BS/N** works as an ANCC for Home Health Nurses. She is a board certified psychiatric and mental health nurse. In private practice Smith is a nationally certified biofeedback therapist with certification from the Biofeedback Certification Institute of America with an expertise in the field of pelvic muscle dysfunctions. She also serves as a Nurse Representative for the California Nurses Assoc. as a Nurse Negotiator.

****Michael Stredler '64BS/P** has been elected to the Board of Pharmacy by Governor Tim Kaine. Stredler is owner and chief pharmacist of Bayview Plaza Pharmacy.

1970's

John Glick '78MD and Stephen Phillips '78MD are a comedy act that joined Nickels and Wiener at Court Square Theater's Comedy Fest this past winter. They write and sing songs that are sometimes political and others that make jokes about the medical profession. In the act, Glick's the straight man, Phillips plays the goof. Phillips says his size makes him better for the role: "Fat guys generally make good comics." By day Glick is an acupuncturist and Phillips is director of Rockingham Memorial Hospital's Center for Corporate Health.

William Harrington '78MD opened a solo family practice in Midlothian, VA after spending 11 years as a Baptist missionary doctor in Tanzania, Africa. In Tanzania he would see as many as 150 patients a day. Now his practice offers virtual visits for regular patients in addition to office visits.

Jonas Johnson '70HS-S has been appointed Chair for the Department of Otolaryngology with the University of Pittsburgh's School of Medicine. Johnson's research focuses on head and neck squamous cell carcinoma. He is collaborating with others on vaccine development for oral cancer and specifically on DNA-based vaccines for the disease.

***Bruce McWhinney '70BS/P** is Senior Vice President of Clinical Affairs and Pharmacy Management with Cardinal Health in Dublin, OH and has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the National Quality Forum. "NQF has a critical role to play in our ongoing efforts to improve the quality of health care in this country," said McWhinney. "I'm confident that the NQF will continue to bring all healthcare stakeholders to consensus on the myriad of issues facing us. As part of this coalition, the supplier community has a great deal at stake, with talented people that can make valuable contributions to our work."

****W. Baxter Perkinson Jr. '70DDS** was recently honored by the Arthritis Foundation Virginia Chapter for his generosity with his art. Perkinson contributed four paintings to an auction sponsored by the AFVC and each sold for thousands of dollars. He started painting in the late 70's and has raised millions of dollars by donating paintings to charitable causes. Perkinson runs a very successful dental practice in Richmond.

***Curtis Smith '75BS/P** is serving as Mayor for the Town of Kilmarnock, VA.

****Michelle Whitehurst-Cook '79MD** has been named Associate Dean of Admissions in the VCU School of Medicine. Whitehurst-Cook has served on the School of Medicine faculty since 1993 as Associate Professor of Family Medicine and as director of Predoctoral Programs in the Department of Family Medicine, Chair of the VCU School of Medicine Admissions Committee and Co-Physician Coordinator for M1/M2 Foundations of Clinical Medicine required course. She also directs the Inner City/Rural Preceptorship Program.

1980's

****Mitchell Anscher '81MD** has been named professor and chair of VCU's Department of Radiation Oncology. Anscher is nationally recognized for his research and clinical programs. He has been named one of America's Top Doctors for the past five years. "We are entrusting one of the nation's premier departments of radiation oncology to a distinguished alumnus," said Dr. Jerome F. Strauss, Dean of the VCU School of Medicine. "Dr. Anscher's experience in administration, his expertise in the treatment of prostate cancer and his productive research will add additional luster to an already outstanding program."

****Stuart Binder-McLeod '87PhD(P&B)/M** has been named professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Delaware. Binder-McLeod serves on the faculty of the Biomechanics and Movement Science Program. His research focuses on the effects of selected electrical stimulation parameters on muscle performance with both healthy individuals and patients in the Muscle Performance Lab. He has received several grants, as principal investigator, from the National Institutes of Health for research on human skeletal muscle and other projects.

****Mary Cindy Farach-Carson '82PhD(BC)/M** has been appointed director of the Center for Translational Cancer Research, which includes the University of Delaware, Christiana Care's Helen F. Graham Cancer Center, the Delaware

Biotechnology Institute and the Nemours Research Institute. Farach-Carson is currently professor of biological sciences at the University of Delaware.

****Mary Hackney HS-H&O** has received the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation's 2005 Sharon H. Kohlenberg Healthcare Service Award. The Award is presented to individuals who make a difference in the Commonwealth and goes above and beyond the call of duty in caring for those affected by breast cancer. Hackney serves as director of Massey's Rural Cancer Outreach Program, which provides oncology services to cancer patients in rural communities who have limited access to oncology care services. She also teaches hematology oncology at VCU's School of Medicine. She works with medical students on their oncology rotations; and mentors medical residents on breast cancer care.

Richard Hudson '81MHA(HA)/AH has accepted the position of president with Wilson Medical Center in Wilson, NC.

****Marilyn Tavenner '83BS/N '89MHA(HA)/AH** has been named Secretary for State Health and Human Resources by Virginia Governor Tim Kaine. Tavenner oversees 12 agencies, and answers to the legislators who control the agencies' budgets, the employees who get the job done and the governor. Her secretariat has a \$9 billion budget and those 12 agencies employ about 18,000 people. "No one had to convince me to take this job. I had even told my boss at HCA some time ago that when I left here a couple of years ago and went to Nashville to start the outpatient group, I said I was going for two to three years. To get the program up and running," said Tavenner. "Then I would like to do public service, give something back to the community."

1990's

Juan Astruc Jr. '96MD of Glen Allen, VA has been elected to the Medical Advisory Board for the Department of Motor Vehicles by Governor Tim Kaine. Astruc is a partner at the Retina Institute of Virginia.

Kevin Flanigan '93MD has been appointed President of Maine Medical Association. Flanigan and wife, **Katherine '92MS(NA)/AH** live in Pittsfield, ME.

Lenore Gay '70BS(S&A)/H&S '84MS(S)/H&S '92MS(RC)/AH recently published her first novel, *The Hobo*. The novel is not autobiographical, she says, but it does capture a certain essence from her childhood.

Carrie Klett '93MD has joined Lincoln Medical Center as an OB/Gyn physician.

Heath Knight (formerly Rebecca Cole) '94PhD(HG)/M is the Vice President of Business Development with Gentris Corporation. Gentris is a leading global provider of applied clinical pharmacogenomic services and diagnostic product solutions.

Arik Olson '98MD was recently quoted in the USA Today article "*Medicine goes mobile: The house call returns*". Olson has been making house calls for several years. He believes "by caring for patients in their home, you see the patient as a person, rather than as a disease."

Carolyn Peel '92MD has developed a set of eight CD-ROM based interactive multimedia cases designed to prepare third year medical students for clinical work by simulating the basic procedure for patient encounters within the Family

Medicine Clerkship curriculum. Each case depicts a common medical problem with specific practical skills to be learned in a context that requires careful attention to cultural competency and other psychosocial factors. The program presentation is entirely user-driven, requiring students to practice critical thinking and initiative at each step. Peel is assistant professor of Family Medicine at MCV and Principal Investigator of the HRSA grant that funded the program's development.

Jody Pettit '94MD has been appointed Technology Coordinator for Oregon State by Governor Ted Kulongoski. Pettit is a board-certified internist.

2000's

Rob Dixon '05DPT(PT)/AH married Jennifer O'Connor in Mason, OH on October 15, 2005. The couple resides in Charlottesville, VA where Dixon is a PT for University of Virginia Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital and O'Connor is a NP and home health nurse with Martha Jefferson Hospital.

Douglas Johnson '03MD is looking forward to his upcoming year as chief medical resident and clinician educator with VCU's Health Systems. Next year he will begin his fellowship training in endocrinology at VCU.

Ryan Mire '02HS-IM is the author of *Transitioning Into Private Practice: A Guide to Employment After Residency*.

Kevin Phillips '01MD and his wife, Melissa have moved to Nashville, TN for Phillip's Neuroradiology fellowship at Vanderbilt University.

***John Port '03MD** is a chief medical resident with VCU's Health System. He is interested in primary care and general medicine and is looking forward to life as a general internist.

Kelsey Salley '03MD is a chief medical resident with VCU's Health System. After her residency she is planning a career in academic General Medicine.